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the eighth Psalm, David addresses the following question to God: "What is man, that thou art so mindful of him?" This Psalm preaches the dignity of man, and the greatness of personality. Man is a wonderful being, the noblest of all creatures. Man's creation is the climax of God's creative work, and what a masterpiece it is!

I am not discussing how God brought man into existence. If I did, I would expose my ignorance, and I do not care to do that. God has not told us in Scripture how, when, and where man was created. We should not question God's wisdom, nor limit His creative power to so many days as He pours in His acts of creation. When we read Scripture we should have reverence for objective truth, and we should not theorize about objective truth. Theories are made by man, but facts are made by God. We have reverence for objective truth, and we accept in faith the fact as presented in Scripture that God created man in His image.

Man came from God a threefold being. He is a physical being. He has a more excellent body than any other living being. Man is an immortal being endowed with faculties to think and to decide. Man is preeminently a spiritual being. His greatest capacities are along spiritual lines. He is the only being who can commune with God in fellowship.

Man has made great progress since he set foot on this earth. Let

us take a walk through the corridor of time and make a few observations.

One day man discovered that he could make fire. He did not invent fire. The factors that make fire have existed since this earth was created. The discovery of fire has been an important factor in man's progress. You, perhaps, will say that fire is a destructive force. It is a destructive force only when it gets out of man's control. If the laws that operate to make fire would cease to function, man would perish from this earth, not by fire but due to lack of fire.

One day in his march forward, man invented the wheel. What a factor in his march forward the wheel has been. There was a time when there were no wheels running. How many wheels from the tiniest mechanism to the gigantic machines are not running on axles at this time? What a calamity if all wheels should stop running!

Later man discovered that he could make iron. Iron has been put to great use since that day. In this connection we should mention the invention of the steam engine.

Let me mention just one thing more. It took man several thousand years before he discovered that there was such a thing as electricity, and how to harness it for the good of humanity, and the end is not yet in the full use of electricity. How many more discoveries and inventions will man not make in days

to come. David exclaims: "Thou hast made him but little lower than God, and crownest him with glory and honor. Thou makest him have dominion over the work of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

But when we consider man as a spiritual being, it is another story. Instead of progress, it has become retrogression. Instead of progress in holiness, it has become ungodliness. Man's fall into sin caused him to walk away from God instead of a closer walk with God. The heaven world and all ungodliness are the results of sin. Every sin that man commits is a step backward.

In one of his books the eminent theologian, Eduard Geismar asks the question if we have not the right to believe that man may find the way back to God by the progress he has made. Geismar gives two reasons why man cannot find God that way. The distance between God and lost man is too great, and man is totally helpless due to sin. Left to himself in sin and transgression, man is hopelessly and eternally lost unless someone comes to his rescue.

God comes to man through Jesus Christ to save him from his sins, and give him eternal life. What man cannot do to be saved, Christ has done for us by His atonement on the Cross. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Christ's atonement for sin is presented in Scripture as a fact, and when that fact is accepted through faith, lost man is saved. God's way to man through the atonement is man's way back to God.

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## News and Notes

The Santal Mission will have its annual meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, May 17-19. Speakers on the program are: Holger O. Nielsen, local pastor; Dr. John Stensvaag, Rev. Olbert Landsverk, Dr. Alfred Jensen, and pastors Oluf Eie, M. C. Dixon, B. A. Helland. Alice Axelson and Gora Tudu will also speak.

### THE PENSION FUND

By A. V. Neve

Last Fall the pastors of our Synod received a ruling by the pension fund board "as to what constitutes retirement under Article 9, (a) (e) of the Pension Plan as shown on page 117 of the 1956 Yearbook." This ruling, or rule, applies also to retired pastors who are in part time employment at Dana College, Lutheran Publishing House, Cherokee Indian Mission, the Elim Children's Home, Elk Horn, Iowa, and the Old People's Homes at Blair, Nebr., Selma, Calif., Waupaca, Wis., Minden, Nebr., Edmore, Mich., Brush, Colo. After this enumeration of institutions, the pension fund board makes the sweeping all-inclusive statement: "Or any other related institution or organization whether privately incorporated or owned by the church at large."

In making these rules the pension fund board proceeds on the assumption that it has legislative, judicial, and executive powers. The pension fund board sits as a supreme court in judging its own rules and enforces them. I do not believe the pension fund board has been vested with such power. Article 15, page 119, 1956 Yearbook, states clearly that new rules must be approved "by a General Convention of the Church Body."

These new rules are arbitrary and discriminatory. According to these new rules a pastor who has retired will lose his pension if he is in part time employment in any of the institutions enumerated in the rules, "or any other institution or organization whether privately incorporated or owned by the church at large." But if he is in part time employment, or full employment in any other institution, he will continue to receive pension from our pension fund.

With the shortage of pastors, retired pastors should be put to work in the

Lord's Vineyard where they can serve in a limited capacity without losing their pension. This provision is made in Article 9, (e) of the pension fund constitution, page 117, 1956 Yearbook.

### Iowa W. M. S.

Circuit No. 6 of the Iowa District W.M.S. held its annual meeting on April 9 at First Lutheran Church in Scranton, Iowa. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. with the singing of "Come, Zion, and Sing to the Father Above." Mrs. J. Kallesen of Coon Rapids led the group in devotion and prayer. A welcome was given by Mrs. H. Stougaard of Scranton followed by the singing of "We Publish the Greatest of Tidings."

The group was then divided into four discussion groups. Mrs. B. Sindt of Des Moines explained what would be discussed in each of these groups. Mrs. John Sortedahl of Audubon led the Women of the Church group; Mrs. Eugene Bladt of Hamlin led the Junior Missionary Society group; Mrs. M. Stone of Exira led the Literature and Programs group; and Mrs. Evald Nielsen of Eben Ezer led the group in discussing Mission Projects. These groups adjourned at noon when a delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of First Lutheran Church.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 p.m. with the singing of "Hail to the Brightness." This was followed by two numbers by the Junior Choir of Scranton. Mrs. Sedoris McCartney of Oak Hill Church, Atlantic, gave an interesting talk about her work in Japan and also showed slides of the scenery and of the Japanese people in her book "In the Gray Rain."

After a report from the group sessions a short business meeting was held. A district newsletter was discussed and a vote was taken which showed a desire for such a letter but the majority felt that news of the district should be printed in the Ansgar Lutheran rather than in a separate form.

The motion was also made and seconded that it should be up to the District Board to decide how to meet the travel expenses for the district president to the merger meetings. The group felt that it could best be met by equalizing the amount among the

W.M.S. members.

It was decided that the office should be divided among the home foreign missions where it is needed.

The Rev. Anton Kirkegaard of Lincoln pronounced the benediction.

The coffee hour following the meeting was sponsored by the Ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rapids.

The 1958 rally will be at Hannibal, Iowa.

**W.M.S. of Iowa**—The W.M.S. circuit of Iowa held their meeting at Paul's Lutheran Church, Neola, on April 11, 1957.

150 persons attended.

Rev. Henry N. Hansen of Elk Rapids was our guest speaker.

The offering was sent to the Lutheran Foundation.

Our day was blessed with fellowship with those who attended from, Avoca, Shelby, Underwood, Council Bluffs.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Elim Children's Home at Elk Horn, Iowa, has received a bequest of \$3,632.82 from the estate of Hans J. Martin Madsen, Venice, Florida.

A bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of Miss Sena Carlsen, for the Foreign Mission Fund, has been sent us by her sister, Mrs. Marie Hendrickson, Pasadena, California.

May I express the gratitude of the church for these bequests and pray that many others may in a similar way through their bequests remember the missions and charities of the synod.

William Larsen

**Calgary, Alberta, Canada** — Miss Joyce Bergh was the guest speaker at the Annual Mission Night at Shaughnessy Lutheran Church, Calgary. Miss Bergh is associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and is teaching in the Lutheran Bible Institute in Colombia, South America. There she is working with Pastor Arnfeld Morck of the Synod.

Miss Bergh spoke briefly on South America and her work in this field and then showed slides and gave a detailed explanation. She told us of the persecution of Protestants. Just as recent as three weeks ago a missionary, who was conducting a work

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# Editorials and Comments

## MY MOTHER

me goes and we reflect on life and its events, natural that our mother and her influence stand out clearly. Children simply take their mothers for granted. They are unhappy without them. Life makes us forget a good many things, and only the significant things stand out. We forget the joys we had, and we forget even the imperfect things of homes. It does not matter whether we were poor. The great things will abide.

Our editor looks back on his home and the life of his mother, there are a few things I can forget. First I think of her willingness to work. I had five boys to bring up. They were 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 years old, when my father died, so mother worked and she seemed to thrive on it. This is what her boys will never forget. Her boys were very early in life to work, otherwise she could not have kept the home together. We were poor, but mother really thought of that. When we went to work we worked because that was something we had learned with us from home. When we were sent out to work for other people, we also worked and took it for granted. We never expected to get anything for our work. This has been of great help later in life.

Mother told all her sons as they went out into the world: "Remember your duty. It was very important to her that she inculcated a sense of duty and responsibility.

Mother taught us to be honest. We should always do the right thing. When we came home to tell her about our work she was happy that we were doing all right, and she need not be ashamed of us.

As we grew older and got into our teens, she warned us against drinking and immorality and bad company.

Where did she get these ideas? It was not that life was very good to her. It was hard on her. But mother did not crush her spirit. She very humbly inculcated these few positive ideas into her sons.

Where did she get this? She got it from her own grandfather and grandmother, who were of the old-fashioned, God-fearing school.

Looking back I bless both my mother and grandfather. I believe these few virtues she tried to instill in us are the fundamental ones, I would like to pass them on. They will help every one.

## HAVE PARENTS DUTIES?

Parent's Day is at hand, and we do not mind that it is sent to mother on that day. But every day is a mother's day.

Can parents assure themselves that it will be enough to believe that parents should interest themselves

more in their children. First of all there is a matter of discipline. There is the matter of teaching the children a sense of duty. The tendency in our day is to shirk that. Everything is made for the children. They are often allowed to do as they please. That is why they are often frustrated and nervous.

But how can parents teach their children discipline and the sense of duty, when they are busy with so many unnecessary things that they have no time for their children. The Watchman-Examiner recently editorialized on this as follows:

Responsible leaders are raising the question as to how many parents really know what their children are learning in school today. So much family responsibility has been transferred from parents to public agencies that what once was the province of fathers and mothers is now a vacuum which the youngsters have to fill as best they can. It is resulting in this generation's children running their affairs with an independence which ignores parents. This is fostered by school practices, club activities and time consuming social adventures promoted by well-meaning people who do not want these young lives to live in a vacuum—which turns into simply keeping them so busy that they do not have time to think. The worst feature of it all is that many parents do not know what their children are learning. They themselves may be keeping so busy that they never get time to find out. And yet, is there anything more sacred than the intimacy the true parental love creates with children. If parents loved their children enough they would take whatever time is necessary to find out what they are learning, what are their problems and how they best can encourage the growth of moral and spiritual greatness in the lives of their children. And, incidentally, they would gather stardust from angel's wings to grace their own souls while doing this.

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## ONLY ONE TO SPEND

I saw a tiny little boy in a candy store. He wandered from case to case with the utmost gravity, studying each assortment with deep seriousness.

His mother, tired of waiting, called to him. "Hurry up, son, spend your money. We must be going."

To this he replied, "But Mamma, I've only one nickel, and I've got to spend it careful."

The little lad had learned a great lesson of life. If he had a pocket full of nickels he could have afforded to be careless in the spending of one. That made the problem serious. I wonder if he will spend his life as carefully.

If I had ten lives to invest I could afford to spend one of them perhaps in merely having a good time, or in only making money. But I have only one. I must make it count for the most.

I cannot afford to invest my one life in every passing whim and fancy. I must learn to see the difference between the good and the necessary.

My time, my energy, my strength and my talents are too sacred to be thrown carelessly about. I have but one life to invest. I must consider it carefully.



## Church News from here and there

### 71 MILLION LUTHERANS

An increase of more than one million members during the past year brings the total number of Lutherans in the world to nearly 71 million, it was reported in Geneva by the Lutheran World Federation. The figure represents about 33 per cent of world Protestantism.

Statistics gathered by the LWF in the preparation of its newly-published directory show 70,770,355 Lutherans in 150 churches, missions, and groups in 69 countries, an increase of 1,373,144 over a year ago.

The total, it was emphasized by federation officials, is a conservative estimate since Lutherans in countries without organized churches or missions were not included. Of the total 48,977,258 Lutherans are members of the 57 churches in 29 countries that are affiliated with the LWF, or 69 per cent of all Lutherans; 16,165,000 are members of Union Churches in Germany, and 5,628,097 belong to other Lutheran churches and groups.

The three largest centers of Lutheranism in the world are found in Germany with 37.6 million, Scandinavia, with 19 million; and the United States, with 7.4 million. The largest Lutheran Church in the world is the Church of Sweden, with 7,290,112 members. It reported the greatest increase in membership during the past year, with 700,000 additions.

### CATHOLICS WARNED GRAHAM IS DANGER TO THEIR FAITH

The director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference bureau of information has declared that Evangelist Billy Graham is "a danger to the faith of all Catholics who listen to him."

The Rev. John E. Kelly of Washington, D. C., made the statement in an article, "Part Way to God via Billy Graham" published here in the May issue of the Homiletic and Pastoral Review. Circulation of the

publication is confined to Roman Catholic clergymen.

Father Kelly warned Catholics against attending the evangelist's New York crusade scheduled to open in Madison Square Garden May 15, reading his published works and listening to his radio and TV broadcasts.

On the other hand, he said, both clerical and lay Catholics might "well imitate Billy's dedication, zeal and organization in his preaching of Christianity to all who fall under the spell of his partial gospel." He also asserted that for the unchurched "Billy will be a part-way guide to heaven."

The Catholic priest lauded Mr. Graham as a "man of prayer, humble, dedicated and devout" and praised him for giving to "many church-going Protestants a spiritual Bible-based message which they never or only seldom hear."

But he declared that the evangelist's "false" and "incomplete" teachings and "shifting" theological position make it wrong for Catholics to listen to him.

Father Kelly made the following four-point declaration:

1. Billy Graham's teaching about the Church is not the same as Christ's teaching.

2. He is an ordained minister and his crusades are "definitely Protestant religious services in which Catholics are not permitted to participate."

3. His published works contain false doctrines. Hence they "fall within the scope of the Index (of forbidden books) and reading them if forbidden by Canon Law.

4. Catholics should not tune in on any of his broadcasts because they run the risk of being "deceived" by his "persuasive, forceful delivery" and by the "false doctrines interwoven with the true in his well constructed sermons."

Father Kelly said he issued the warning because it had been es-

timated that Catholic attendance at the New York rallies would be "close to, if not in, the five million bracket."

All Catholics "should pray for Billy Graham," the priest said, but he added that Catholic projects "evangelizing the unchurched" would be much more effective if they were administered with the half the efficiency of the Graham team."

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ELECTED BY FIVE DIVISIONS OF NLC

Two of the five divisions of the National Lutheran Council elected new officers at their semi-annual meetings this spring.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, was named chairman of the Division of Lutheran World Federation Affairs, which was established last year.

Dr. T. O. Burntvedt of Minneapolis, president of the Lutheran Free Church, was chosen as secretary, and the Rev. William A. Sen of Blair, Nebraska, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, as secretary.

During its first year of operation in 1956, the Division of Lutheran World Federation Affairs was supervised by the NLC's executive committee. A new committee of 11 members, including representatives of the eight church bodies participating in the Council, was created at the last annual meeting.

### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REACH MEMBERSHIP PASSES MILLION MARK

Springfield, Mo. (RNS)—The Assemblies of God, a Pentecostal body, reached a membership of 1,046,172 at the end of 1956, the first time the denomination reached the million mark since it was founded in 1914.

The Church's national headquarters reported here that membership in the United States hit an all-time high of 470,361, while Assemblies of God in foreign mission fields numbered 575,811.

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# The Washington Observer

Gy Gerhard Lenski

## GREAT GIVEAWAY

Details concerning the Foreign program of our country are complicated and very confusing. They are also tremendously important but, being so complicated and involved, they do not interest the average Citizen to any extent. Newspapers do not help solve the problem. These newspapers present sensational news stories which get a great front-page display. They have little room for any discussion of the needs of far-off places and peoples whose problems the most of us do not even know. Yes, the details, **pro and con**, are recorded in the **Congressional Record**, in speeches, statistical data and government reports. But outside the Congressional Record are many dusty government documents.

It is hard to believe that the average citizen is not seriously concerned of our country's future. How can we find the time to digest the enormous amount of material now being dealt with this tremendous problem. The other day Senator McCarthy scolded the Senate and was rightly so when he pointed out that a highly informative speech with Foreign Aid was being given by one Democrat Senator and a Republican!

A new and highly informing book, "The Great Giveaway," by E. J. Castle, a newspaper man, discusses some of the issues involved in the present program. The title of the book indicates the writer's opinion of the Marshall Plan, in his view it has become a "seemingly bottomless quagmire." Helping the starving of other nations is one thing but why coddle parasites and unfriendly leaders like

Tito, Sukarno and Nehru? Why do we bolster England and France who do not agree with us in policy and use our resources against us? Such is the questioning attitude of Mr. E. J. Castle.

This column is hardly the place to review Mr. Castle's book or to discuss the voluminous and valuable material offered in the **Congressional Record**. It is, however, a perfectly proper place to record some simple facts that concern every American Citizen and which should impress Christian Citizens especially. Foreign aid has already cost the American tax-payer billions of dollars. Unless the present program is materially altered, it will cost billions more. Some foreign aid goes for actual relief, some for industrial development, the bulk for military purposes. It is in this latter that the problem becomes complex? How much shall we spend for military purposes?

Looking at the matter from the Christian viewpoint, it is not too much to say that foreign aid, if given humanely, compassionately and intelligently administered, could become the mightiest agency for Christian missions and mercy our world has ever known. In the hands of self-seeking men, of course, it can become the opposite—an agency of the devil, the cause of another war. But in the hands of Christian men it can create untold good. The spirit that motivates and manages it all—that is the crux of the matter. Dear reader, your concern and mine must ever be to infuse into the mighty agencies of government that Spirit which alone, by its kindness, can claim the kingdoms of this world for our Lord and His Christ.

## DOWN ON THE FARM

Life is changing everywhere these days, especially down on the farm. Farms are getting bigger. Farmers are getting fewer. Robot farming, improved machinery, scientific methods—these are working sweeping changes. In the last 45 years our farm population has declined from 32 million to 22 million, while the national population has increased tremendously. Forty per cent of the boys born on the farm must find city jobs. The trend to larger farms has eliminated 1,600,000 commercial farms in the last quarter of a century. In the same period the average farm has become 30 to 40 percent larger. So says the Department of Agriculture which keeps a watchful eye on all these matters.

Of what concern is all this to our church people, our pastors, and our official boards? It should be something of great concern. From the material point of view we all need to keep the farm in mind. The farm is our food basket. We cannot have a healthy national economy if the farm is not productive and the farmer not prosperous. The farm has some eloquent spokesmen in Washington, men like Senators Humphrey and Thye and others, and their words deserve the hearing of the nation.

From the religious point of view the farm needs consideration. While the city population outstrips the rural, still a large part of our Lutheran church constituency continues to be rural. Rural churches must be maintained and our rural youth won for Christ. Rural pastorates may not appeal to ambitious young clergymen, especially if salaries are low, work is hard and dwindling congregations are to be expected. Be all this as it may, our Lutheran people, leaders and laymen alike, will not overlook the challenge the rural church is offering at this time. They will study this situation with care. If necessary, they will subsidize rural con-

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# To All Parents

## ON MOTHER'S DAY

By Adolph Kloth

In the interesting story of Jesus when He was 12 years old and went with His parents to the Passover Feast at Jerusalem, and when He was "lost" in the temple the tendency is to center our attention only on Jesus. But let us try to observe all we can in this story about the parents, Mary and Joseph.

### I

First take a good look at the mother, Mary, who made the sinful mistake of blaming her own son for her own error. She says to her son: "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold thy father and I sought thee sorrowing."

But had Jesus, the Son, done anything wrong which would have justified such a scolding? No, He hadn't done anything wrong. He was right where He was supposed to be during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, in the Temple. That is why He said to His parents, "Did ye not know that I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus was rightly bewildered by this scolding!

His parents, on the other hand, they had done something wrong: it says in our Text that when they were ready to leave for home in the big band of pilgrims leaving for the north, they just "**supposed Him to be in the company!**" They took the child's behavior and well being for granted when they had no right to do so,—A terrible sin we modern parents don't always escape, either! And then Mary and Joseph had the nerve to blame their Son for their own sinful neglect!

Yes, as Paul says, **this is for our learning, parents.** This incident in the life of the holy family tells us **that as parents we need to be wise and discerning beyond all human measure in our dealing with our children.** It says that we have no right to confound and bewilder our children by blaming them for bungling that is our own doing!

And how are we to get this wisdom? It can be ours as **we grow in Christ? For he is the very wisdom of God offered to all men, including us who are by nature unwise parents!** With His help we can learn to blame our children only when they deserve it.

### II

**Secondly,** a word about this specific sin of parents "supposing" all too much in relationship to their children. Mary and Joseph committed this sin. But they are not alone in this sin. Specialists in family welfare today tell us that most of **our social problems,** and even most of **our mental health problems,** can be traced directly to parents who **selfishly suppose** all too much as to the well-being of their children.

For example: (and this is only one of many possible examples) Some parents **suppose** that it does no harm to a tender young soul that their children come home from school to an empty house, no parent there to greet them **and thereby fulfill their inner need for security.** But often such parents get a rude awakening! The parents, first, just cannot understand why their child has become **an abnormal attention seeker.** Later they just can't understand why their child is in trouble, social, emotional, or both. Then someone has to tell them the bitter truth: "Dear parents, you supposed too much! You were not wisely sensitive to the mind, heart, or soul needs of your child! This is why you have trouble."

Certainly I do not know whether or not you, parents, **are supposing too much** in regard to you in one or more of the many ways possible; it is necessary that I or some other counselor find out if it certainly is necessary that all of us who are parents learn from Mary's bad example that we have to be extremely sensitive to the psychic and spiritual needs of our children. In this realm we can't suppose and always get away with it. Every one of us ought to go home and ask ourselves, **am I, in any way, taking the needs of my child too much for granted?** And if our consciences are uneasy in the face of this question we ought not to stop until adjustment is made.

### III

**The third and final major observation** in the lives of the parents of Jesus from which we ought to profit today, despite occasional failure they apparently did exercise **proper authority** over their children, including Jesus. It says in our Text: ". . . and (He) came to Nazareth. **He was subject unto them.**" This indicates not only their subjection, but also their proper authority over Him.

Some of you have heard about the remark made by the Prince of Wales when visiting this country years ago. It bears repeating at this time. **The Prince was asked what most impressed him in America in contrast to England.** To this he answered: "One thing that amazes me is the way **parents in America obey their children!**"

Who could point up the problem before us better than that? It is a fact from which we cannot run away. Parents, that all too many of us all too often do not exercise a **proper Christian authority** over our children. We make the terrible mistake first of not teaching them to obey, then we let them get away with things they ought not to get away with; then we threaten them when they are proper to do so, but often fail to carry out our threats.

After a certain amount of this, like the prince said, we are hopelessly trying to keep up with our children. It is more than they with us! For it takes only a short time to teach a child to learn how to control his unwise parents.

**And don't think that I am trying to say that the Bible teaches us that we are to bully our children.** Paul is against this when he says, "Ye Fathers, provoke not your children unto wrath!"

At this point we are rather to learn from the example of Jesus, that we are to exercise a proper Christian authority over our children. That means, first, that we are to lovingly teach them, both by precept and example. **Secondly,** it means that we are to remain in the saddle as far as discipline is concerned, using no tricks, no bribes to do so. When we act this way our children one day rise up and call us blessed!

Suppose that all of us parents actually do take to heart the Biblical insights to heart, does that mean that our relationship with our children will be simple, utterly and completely without problems? No, it doesn't mean that at all. Our children are not little sinless Christs as was the child of Mary. But if we heed this advice it will mean that the Holy Spirit will have the best possible opportunity to put Jesus Christ into the hearts of our children and save their precious souls for joyful Christian service in this life and glory for the life to come!

Could any parent have loftier hopes for his children than this, a full life here and glory hereafter? No, none have loftier hopes for children than these!

So, Parents, let's take account of our relationships with our children, and then do the very best that we can, using the wisdom and strength offered in Jesus Christ, our Savior.



# Our Foreign Mission Fields

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**A Sudan Pastor Reads the Bible**  
Pastor Ezra in Lamurde, Sudan  
tells his people how to read the  
Bible. He tells them: Read a  
chapter carefully till you understand  
the content. Then ask yourself the  
following questions:

What is the content of this chapter?

How many different people are  
mentioned by name?

What does this chapter teach  
about Jesus?

Does this chapter warn me against  
temptation?

Is there here any example for  
me to follow?

Are there any special promises?

Which verse appeals most to me?

Does it add the admonition: Read to  
understand, to learn, to receive, and  
to obey?

Pastor Ezra stated that the late  
Alfred Thompson taught him  
this method. Why don't you try  
it, K.R.J.

## AT SPIRITUAL REVIVAL IN BRAZIL

A great spiritual revival is taking  
place in Brazil, according to Dr.  
H. R. Meyer, one of the pas-  
tors of the 53 churches co-operating  
in the evangelism. Conversions are be-  
ing counted by the thousands, pas-  
tor and church officers are being  
renewed and lives transformed.  
The campaign has left 53 churches  
filled with the spirit of evangelism.  
In this in mind the WORLD  
L. CRUSADE, has ordered  
10,000 copies of John's Gospel  
study.

The Missionary Broadcaster

## VOICE FROM INDIA

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Minister, Govt. of India  
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in education, medical aid

and relief and in building up the  
Indian Church. With man's limita-  
tions, there might have been errors,  
but no one will deny the quality of  
the service rendered in the past and  
being rendered by these foreign  
friends, or the pure motives which  
have activated them to sacrifice in  
order to fulfill an inner urge and  
which brought into their service a  
spirit of love which is the hall-  
mark of true missionary endeavor.  
There was always room for good  
men and women who would join  
hands with them in India today to  
build the India of their dreams.

"The Missionaries must now turn  
the searchlight inwards and see how  
foreign missionary endeavor could  
fit into the new set-up of modern  
India. The Indian church needed to  
be strengthened. Missionary endeavor,  
in form of both material and  
spiritual help, should contribute to  
this end."

## "WHY ARE THEY HERE?"

By Cornelia Jensen, Colombia

Our Bible Institute in Bogota,  
Colombia, began its school year on  
March 5th 1956, with an enrollment  
of twenty-eight young men and  
women. They were a promising  
group and I thanked God for the  
privilege of working with them.  
Certainly they had come to the  
Bible Institute because they desired  
to study God's Word and to prepare  
themselves to serve Him better. As  
time went on it became clear that  
the motives of some were not so  
clearly defined. In my mind a  
question clamored for an answer,  
"Why are they here?"

Dealing with this group was a  
new experience for me. When a  
problem of discipline arose, my heart  
was always searched. I recognized  
that they had not had the privileges  
which from childhood had been  
mine. Many of them had had con-  
tact with the Gospel a very short  
time. The influence of prevailing

social attitudes were strong. A  
little lying or stealing were not con-  
sidered serious nor classed as sin.  
Usually, the faculty decision was  
that they needed counseling, but  
in addition to that, some definite  
punishment must be administered.

The problem of the influence of  
sects also presented itself in our  
little group. Again a question,  
"Have we failed as teachers and  
guides?" It wasn't a time for fault-  
finding or criticism, but a challenge  
to bring them face to face with God's  
truth.

However, we also had encourag-  
ing experiences during the school  
year. We observed some in the  
group of students who were growing  
in conviction and understanding of  
the Truth, God's Truth, and we  
rejoiced. We saw growth in sensi-  
tivity to sin—and we thanked God.  
One young girl refused to accept  
the attentions of a Catholic young  
man because to her being a Chris-  
tian had meaning, and God strength-  
ened her with strength in her soul.

We are now busy making prepara-  
tions for another school year. It is  
our prayer that He may send the  
students of His choice and that in all  
things He may be glorified.

## LATIN AMERICA

In an interesting article in the  
International Review of Missions for  
January, Dr. Alberto Rembao, editor  
of La Nueva Democracia, reports  
on the situation in Latin America.  
In the period 1900-1950 the advance  
of Protestantism there as compared  
to other mission fields has been as  
10 to 6. He states that Latin Amer-  
ica is by far the most promising  
field now, and he quotes a Brazilian  
Roman Catholic Bishop to the effect  
that if the present advance of Ev-  
angelical Christianity in Latin  
America continues for two more  
generations, those countries will no  
longer be Catholic but will become  
"Protestant-Sectarian."

The Bible Banner



## A Thriving Wisconsin Home Mission

### Pewaukee Galilee Lutheran To Build Large Church

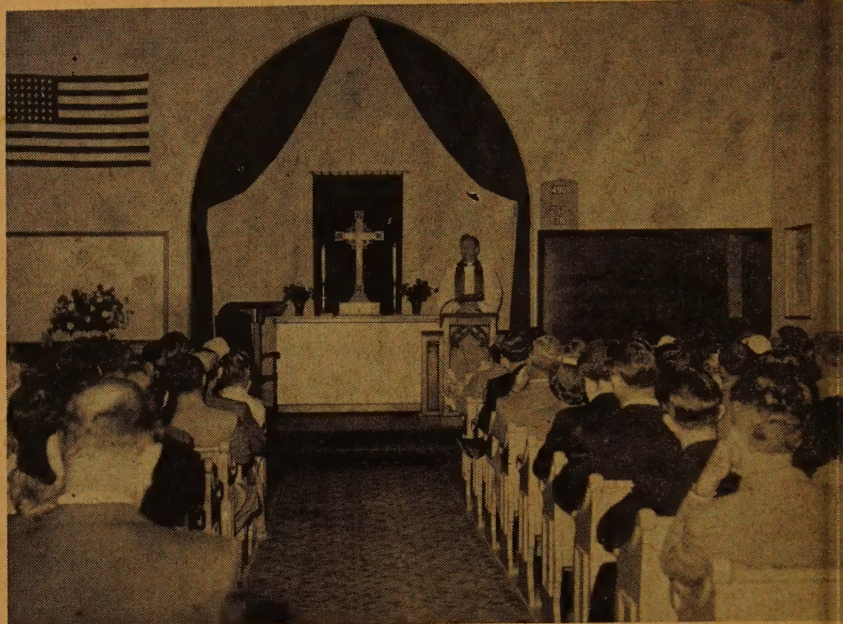
Galilee Lutheran Church takes its name from its lake shore location near beautiful Pewaukee Lake 25 miles from Milwaukee. This is the newest home mission of the Wisconsin District having become part of our synod two years ago.

Among the 420 on church rolls there are persons of all nationalities and backgrounds. Pewaukee is a small but growing community and is the center of summer and winter sports and recreation. It is known as the largest ice-boating center in the world. Most of the persons in Pewaukee find their occupations in Milwaukee or Waukesha.

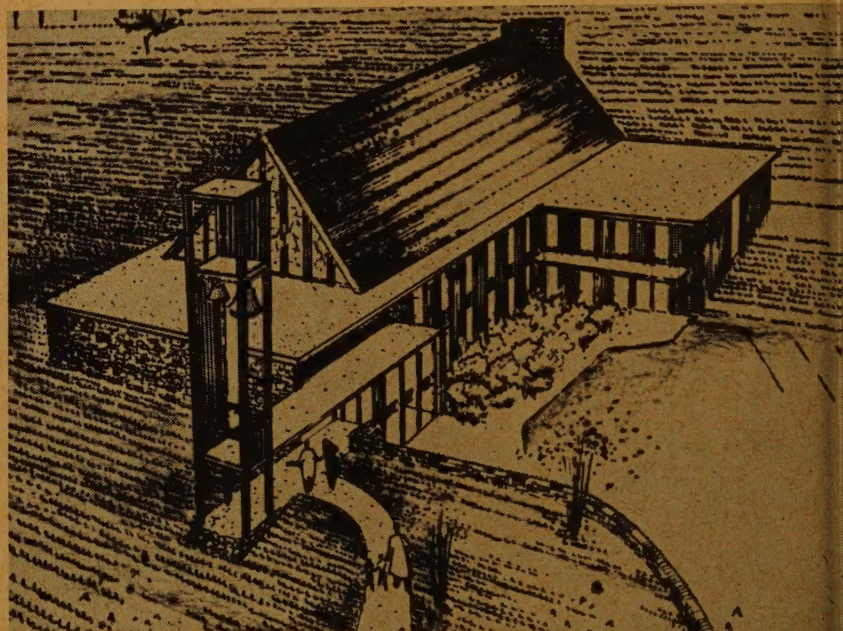
The congregation began its worship in the village theatre and then moved to the Town Hall. Because of the opportunity for stable growth and the increased membership, the congregation is attempting to build a new church rather than a first unit. Plans for a building seating 275 persons in the nave and social hall facilities, costing about \$135,000 are now completed. It is hoped that construction can begin in the near future. An educational unit will be a future addition. The congregation has over 3 acres of land on which a new parsonage was recently completed.

The Men's, Women's and Young People's organizations are very active and have added much to the life of the church. At present much of the organizational work takes place in the large parsonage basement. Much activity also takes place out of doors and on the lake front. We are blessed with good leaders who have given freely of their time and talents to the pro-

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Sunday morning worship in Pewaukee town hall



Proposed new church



Pastor LeRoy F. Andersen



Galilee Lutheran S. S. Class



## V.S. BIBLE SCHOOL SERIES

By Soren Kaldahl

this time of the year plans are being made in all congregations for the Vacation Bible School. In this time there arises the question of which material to use. In looking forward to this year's vacation Bible School effort, the Lutheran Church in our country has prepared two new series. These two new series of Vacation Bible School materials are most recommendable and will serve well in the realization of a worthwhile Vacation Bible School.

The first is the new two week Vacation Church School series by the American Lutheran Church entitled "The Prayer Series." It is the first in a three year uniform series, which will fit the large and the small school very well with Bible-centered handwork projects to emphasize the message of each day's lesson. In addition to the teacher's handbook, there is a basic handbook for the superintendent, which gives the aim of the course with suggestions, and there is also an eight page booklet for parents to acquaint them with the plans and work of the school.

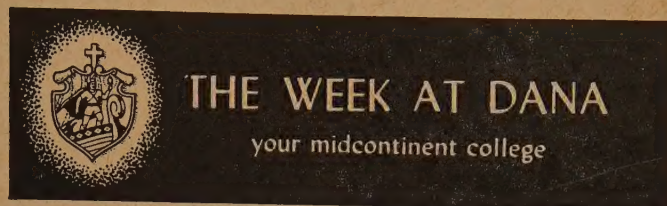
A recommended feature of this series is that it has been prepared and published to supplement the American Uniform Sunday School Series. Any Sunday school, which is using the American Uniform in its Sunday school, is encouraged to use this new Vacation Church School series in its Vacation Bible School.

An eight page booklet explaining the series as a whole and the courses for each department will be sent to any of our church schools, which may request it from the Lutheran Publishing House in Blair.

The second is the annual new series by the United American Lutheran Church which this year is entitled "Bible Stories to Live By." The United Lutheran Church during the few years has prepared and published a new series of courses for each year. In so doing it has been possible to use new methods and materials as they arise in Christian education in Vacation Church Schools.

The 1957 series is a study of such Bible characters as Moses, Samson, Ruth, David, Nehemiah, Esther, Stephen and Paul. The purpose as given with the introduction of the series is "to confront the growing generation with certain of the great Bible stories in such a way that the impact of these spiritual truths will arouse a earnest Christ-centered response." It is a Bible based series which will cause the pupils to use the Bibles in their studies together with handwork suggestions to bring out the purposes of each lesson.

Another feature of this year's series is the publishing of a Vacation Church School Manual of Guidance. This manual in addition to the giving of an explanation of the objectives and lessons to be studied offers many fine helpful suggestions in planning the school, in selecting the needed materials and in giving them helpful instructions, and also suggestions in conducting the school from day to day. Any church interested in using this series should immediately order this Manual of Guidance from our publisher in Blair.



### Dramatists Will Present "Moor Born" on May 3

Dana dramatists will present Dan Tothoroh's "Moor Born" in the college auditorium at 8:15 Friday evening, May 2. The play is inspired by the life story of England's talented Bronte sisters and their weak-willed brother. Since it is a period play it will be presented in full costume. Mrs. Elaine Watt of the Department of Speech is directing the production; John Klug, Green Bay, Wis., is student director and also has a role in the play.

The players are Barbara Pedersen, Blooming Prairie, Minn.; Joanne West, Green Bay, Wis.; Doris Madsen, Buffalo, Wyo.; Darol Valder, Blair, Nebr.; Nancy Horton, North Hollywood, Calif.; Karen Jensen, Fremont, Nebr.; and Gerry Martin, Underwood, Ia.

### Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief" Scheduled

Mr. Robert A. Campbell of the Dana Music Department will direct the Fine Arts Club presentation of Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera "The Old Maid and the Thief" at 8 o'clock Monday evening, May 13, in the auditorium.

Menotti, the most successful of American opera composers, was born in Italy and came to this country in his youth. Thoroughly grounded in Italian opera, he completed his musical training at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. "The Old Maid and the Thief," a comic opera, was commissioned by NBC for radio performance in 1939 and later proved equally successful on television. The story revolves about three main characters, an old maid, her servant, and a young tramp; another old maid, the town gossip, also appears on the scene.

Students singing roles in this opera are Camilla Watt, Buffalo, Wyo.; Everett Johnson, Ute, Ia.; Joyce Arnold, Neenah, Wis.; and Janice Nipko, Poy Sippi, Wis. Patricia Andersen, Ferndale, Calif., is the accompanist.

### Work of Artists in Library Exhibition

The work of Professor F. William Thomsen's student artists may be seen in the Dana College Library art exhibition during late April and in May. Among the young artists whose work is on display are Thelma Christensen, Blair; Jo Baasch, Grand Island, Nebr.; John Linahan, Omaha; and Richard Brink, Pender, Nebr.

### Dana College Choir at Fremont on May 5

The Dana College Choir, under the direction of Professor Paul E. Neve, will sing a concert at the new First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebr., Sunday evening, May 5th, at 8 o'clock.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Ed

## LINES

From

## OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

### PARISH YOUTH CLINIC

By George J. Robertson

What is a Parish Youth Clinic?

A Parish Youth Clinic is a one-day study of the youth program of a local congregation.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A YOUTH CLINIC?

The purpose of a Youth Clinic is:

1. To analyze the youth program of the local church with the aim of gaining encouragement and direction for the Christian ministry to youth in the local congregation.
2. To bring to the local church the benefit of the wide experience of our own and other Synods in the area of youth work.
3. To give each local church the opportunity to share with others the good things they have discovered which make for effective youth work.
4. To interpret the program of the Synodical Luther League to the youth and leaders of the local congregation.
5. To pave the way for a smooth transition from our present youth program to that of the merged church.
6. To acquaint local leaders with the tools and techniques which are available for their use.

### WHO ARE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED?

The people involved are:

1. The local pastor.
2. Officers of the local Luther League.
3. League counselors or sponsors.
4. Members of the League.
5. The Church Council.
6. Sunday School superintendent.
7. Bible Class teachers.
8. The Synodical Youth Director (or an assistant).

### WHAT IS THE PROGRAM OF A YOUTH CLINIC?

The Youth Clinic program may vary from place to place in order to fit local situations. In general, the program is as follows:

1. 2:30-4:00 p.m. The local Pastor and Youth Director review the congregation's youth picture using the

four-page analysis guide: "OUR CONGREGATION'S YOUTH PICTURE."

2. 4:30-5:45. The local Pastor and the Youth Director meet with the officers and counselors of the local Luther League or leagues. The guide for this session is a check list entitled: "WHAT IS A GOOD LUTHER LEAGUE?"
3. 7:00-8:00 p.m. The local Pastor and the Youth Director meet with the Luther League. After a brief devotion led by Leaguers, the Youth Director will present briefly the highlights of the Synodical Luther League and tell in a general way what can be expected in the youth program of THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.
4. Opportunity will be given for questions by Leaguers. If the findings of the two previous sessions of the Clinic need discussion with the League, this will be included.
5. 8:15-9:30. The local Pastor and the Youth Director meet with the Church Council, Sunday School superintendent, and teachers of the Young People's Bible Classes.

The local pastor, after leading the group in devotion, will give a summary of the congregation's youth work as reflected by the analysis so far.

Each member of the Church Council will have received in advance a copy of a check list for Church Council Members entitled: "THE COUNCIL BACKGROUND OF THE YOUTH PROGRAM."

Areas of strength as well as possible weaknesses will be discussed.

The Youth Director will serve as a resource person and advisor. He will explain the organization and operation of "the dual approach" of the Department of Youth Activities being planned for THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

6. Parents are important to the youth program. A copy of "Check list for Parents" is to be given to each parent of teen-agers in the parish on the Sunday prior to the clinic.

These check lists are not to be handed in. The purpose of this check list is to help parents know what they can do to promote the spiritual growth of their children, and how they can assist the church in building and keeping an effective youth program.

Parents should be invited to counsel with the pastor on any problem or question they may have in connection with their teen-agers.



People and Places

astor Virgil Anderson of Flaxton, North Dakota,  
astor Virgil Andersen of Flaxton, North Dakota,  
med the duties of District Luther League President  
April 1. Up to that time Pastor Silas Larsen of  
mare, North Dakota, had been serving in that  
city.  
ne North Dakota-Montana District becomes the first  
arry on "Parish Youth Clinics" on a District-wide  
s when Synodical Youth Director George Robertson  
s the district from May 5-13.  
his year's District Luther League Convention will  
held at Pella Lutheran Church, Sidney, Montana,  
ust 8-11. The convention will have an added day  
will include on its program the "Ambassadors  
rtette" from Concordia College.  
Moines, Iowa:  
ghland Park Lutheran Church of Des Moines, Iowa,  
the site of the first "Parish Youth Clinic" conducted  
Pastor George Robertson. The Reverend Ervin  
do is pastor of the congregation.

nesota District:

uther Leaguers of the Minnesota District met in  
vention at Edina Community Lutheran Church,  
a, Minnesota, May 2-4 using as their theme the  
eran World Assembly theme: "Christ Frees and  
es."

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD  
MATERIALS FOR YOUR YOUTH PROGRAM

II. Evangelism

- A. PROGRAMING:  
"We Plan Our Witness"—5c each (ELC)  
"Youth To Youth Evangelism"—(skit) 3c each (ELC)  
Youth Visit Hints—1c each (ELC)  
Gospel Cover for Visitation—2c each  
"Maintain Your Spiritual Glow"—5c each (AUG)  
"Youth Work is a Crusade"—5c each (AUG)
- B. ADULT LEADERS  
Youth Needs You—1c each (AUG)  
How Church Boards Strengthen Youth Work—5c each (AUG)  
"This Younger Generation . . ."—2c each (ALC)  
"Sweet Shop Strategy" (tract)—free  
"Older Youth, The Church's Growing Edge"—35c each (AUG)  
"Countryside Crusading"—50c each (AUG)  
"How Can We Get more Home Cooperation?"—5c each (AUG)
- ORDER FROM THE YOUTH OFFICE  
Rt. 2, Blair, Nebraska

Present interest seems to indicate that there will be two buses of leaguers from the district attending the National Luther League Convention at Fresno in June.

CALIFORNIA—HERE WE COME

ll you be there? Time is running out, but you can still experience the fellowship of Fresno if you get on the  
I — NOW!

Now is the Time to Register, Pray and Prepare

Send registration together with \$5.00 (\$2.50 for leaguers from San Joaquin Valley churches, pastors,  
ith leaders, and counselors) to: Committee on Registrations, Grace Lutheran Church, 4845 East Tulare,  
sno, California. Deadline for registration is May 25.

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or.... Youth Board Member.... Counselor.... Advisor.... I enclose \$.... Check.... Money Order....



## BY THE FIRESIDE

### MY CHILD'S GARDEN

How seldom grows the rose within my garden  
Unless 'tis planted there.  
But, when I plant and water, watching ever,  
The borders of beauty flare.

So, carefully, in my child's heart, I plant  
The slips of Rose of Sharon;  
Then watch, with prayer, while beauty grows and blossoms  
And makes a garden therein.

Mrs. Hilda D. Lingenfelter

### COME YE APART

By Major Christine E. McMillan

Probably since time began, we have been complaining about the strains of modern living, in every language since the guttural grunt of the cave man.

We hurry through our days so busily, until we discover one morning that our last full day has been spent, and that we have harried and hustled our way through life, accomplishing, it must be confessed, very little, and missing so very much.

God surely never meant us to live like that. He has given to us exquisite bodies, made with unbelievable skill, functioning with utmost precision.

Man with all his brilliance and ingenuity has never created a marvel like the human brain, nor the intricate nervous system responding more sensitively and in more subtle ways than the most fragile and delicate instrument ever conceived. Yet, how brutally we treat our bodies and with what little consideration.

We take no time to be still. Grudgingly we snatch the minimum amount of sleep needed for actual survival. The rest of the sixteen or eighteen hours of our day we fill with driving busy-ness.

The earnest Christian worker is no better than the worst of us. He never stops. Committee meetings, group meetings, conferences — day and night, week in and week out he is toiling in the vineyard, bearing in mind the old adage and indisputable truism that "the night cometh." The

measure of his sanctity and his zeal, he seems to feel, is in the number of hours of work he puts in for the Kingdom. Not the quality of that work.

Well, you say, the system demands it. If it does, then there is something radically wrong with the system. The man or woman who is distracted with too much serving is not the man or woman who is most useful in the Kingdom.

Over and over again the Bible speaks of "... Resting in the Lord ... Waiting upon Him ... Be still. ... In the quietness and confidence ... and Jesus who had so little time—less time than most who will read these words—never seemed too tense to listen, too busy to heal, too burdened to lift another's load.

He was not too rushed to stop by the well and speak of the water of life to a thirsting soul, nor to listen to the troubled one who came by night, nor to gather the children about Him, nor to be touched by a mother grieving for her dead son, nor to leave His work for the sake of a dying, unknown child.

He knew the value of a mind "at leisure from itself." He knew the therapeutic value of a walk through the fields, of a retreat to the silent places when life threatened to crowd in too closely. He knew when to leave the multitude and be alone. He knew it. Do we? Or are the disciplines greater than their Lord?

Let us remember that in quietness and withdrawing is healing and renewing. Any man who is too busy

to leave the crowded stage for a while to re-discover his soul, to re-assess his sense of values, to build up a store of physical and spiritual energies, is far, far busier than God meant him to be.—The War Cry

### HIS GIFTS

God gives us joy that we may share  
He gives us joy that we may share  
Sometimes He gives us loads to bear  
That we may learn to bear.  
For life is gladder when we give  
And love is sweeter when we share  
And heavy loads rest lightly too,  
When we have learned to bear.

The father was reading the school report which had just been handed to him by his hopeful son. His boy was wrathful as he read: "English poor; history, weak; mathematics fair"; and he gave a glance of disgust at the quaking lad. "Well, Dad," said the son, "it is not as good as it might be, but have you seen that?" And he pointed to the next line which read: "Health, excellent."

Slippery ice, very thin; pretty girl tumbled in. Saw a boy upon the bank—gave a shriek, and then she saw a boy on bank heard her shriek she jumped right in—helped her up. Now he's hers—very nice; but she had to break the ice.

Newspaper—We wish to apologize for the manner in which we criticized the beautiful wedding last week. Through an error of the typesetter we were made to say, "The roses were punk." What we should have said was, "The noses were pink."

### I GAVE A DOLLAR TO GOD

Three thousand for my brand new car  
Five thousand for a piece of sod,  
Ten thousand I paid to begin a new house—

A dollar I gave to God.  
A tidy sum to entertain  
My friends in pointless chatter,  
And when the world goes crazy mad  
I ask: "Lord, what's the matter?"  
—Yet there is one big question,  
For the answer I still search:  
"With things so bad in this old world

What's holding back my church?"  
—Selected.



## WASHINGTON OBSERVER

(From page 5)

ations somewhat after the style  
e government when it subsidizes  
s and prices.

## MORE PAY—LESS WORK

is slogan - "More Pay—Less  
k" - has been announced as  
next major objective of our  
try's great labor unions. Fringe  
fits of various kinds—vacation  
leges, hospitalization, unemploy-  
insurance—have already been  
red together with regular pay  
ases commensurate with rising  
g costs. Now, led by Walter  
her, President of the United  
Workers, and backed by other  
ers and labor groups, our organ-  
workers promise to push their  
and that the present 40 hour  
day work week be changed to  
hour four-day work week, all  
the same weekly wage scale or  
possibly larger.

is proposal is something more  
a matter for big business,  
ington, Congress and the Presi-  
to consider. All our people  
s the nation are bound to be  
ted by it, granted it becomes  
ality. For one thing, it can  
mean higher prices for all  
factured goods which, in turn,  
higher living costs and con-  
d inflation. Already our Presi-  
has warned the nation against  
inflation. What now will a  
day work week do to economy  
ly declared to be shaky? Just  
far can we travel on the high-  
of inflation until we reach the  
called Point of Explosion?

ne other questions must be  
What will our workers do  
the added leisure they ask?  
they turn it to good account  
ill it invite idleness, unrest,  
er and further labor troubles?  
what about our rivals in the  
rial and military fields? If  
ork 32 hours a week and they  
60, who is likely to forge ahead  
e long run?

not suggested that a shorter

work-week is necessarily bad or  
that deserving workers should not  
have increased pay. The writer of  
these words feels not infrequently  
that he, too, should have less work  
and more pay. But he also feels  
that this whole matter, as it is now  
shaping itself before our American  
people, deserves some prayerful  
and patriotic thinking and that our  
Christian minded citizens should be  
the first to think matters through  
and then come up with honest, con-  
structive answers.

## PROGRESS

(Continued from page 1)

When lost man is brought back to  
God by faith in Christ, all his  
faculties that were ruined by sin  
are fully restored. The fullness of  
God dwells in man when Christ is  
accepted in faith. This is the way to  
spiritual progress. Redeemed man  
can rise to great spiritual heights.  
Our spiritual progress is in propor-  
tion to what we permit Christ to do  
for us and in us.



**A little life  
Insurance is a good  
umbrella but a poor roof**

You may have "some life insurance," but is it enough?

How many years of your salary will it replace? Will it finish paying for your home? Is it enough to make sure your children finish school? How long will it buy even the necessities of life for your family?

Better make sure your life insurance program is more than an umbrella for temporary need. Make it a shelter for years to come!

Write for information on better family protection. No obligation.

**Lutheran Mutual**

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-- and it does make  
a difference!

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	Total Received	Child- ren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	
Previously acknowledged (April 20, 1957)	257373.45	19434.67	89642.50	33373.16	60159.54	7800.93	46
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church, quota paid in full	303.00		200.00		53.00		
Chicago, Ill., Golgotha Luth. Church, quota paid in full	1459.70		959.70		300.00		
Oshkosh, Wis., Our Sav. Eng. Luth. Church, quota paid in full	34.23		34.23				
Red Deer, Canada, Trinity United Ev. Luth. Church	143.90		50.00		50.00		
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. Peter M. Petersen, Exira, from members of Exira Church, \$26 and \$1 in memory of Mrs. Gordon Jensen	27.00				27.00		
Exira, Iowa, Exira Luth. Church, quota in full	688.50		229.00		229.00		
Kenmare, N. Dak., Trinity Luth. Church from Mac Hansen	25.00						
Sidney, Mont., Pella Danish Luth. Church	500.00		166.00		166.00		
Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. Church from Rev. J. Petersen	40.00		20.00				
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church from Rev. V. R. Staby in memory of Rev. Joseph Rasmussen	2.00						
Elba, Nebr., Elba Luth. Church from the Dannevirke Ladies Aid	20.00	10.00					
Winnetoon, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church, Easter offering	55.15		27.00				
Minden, Nebr., Fredericksburg Luth. Church, quota paid in full	95.65		30.00		30.00		
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S.	21.59				21.59		
Sioux City, Ia., Our Sav. Luth. Church	418.00		139.00		139.00		
Denver, Colo., First Bethany Ev. Luth., from Mrs. A. E. Rasmussen in memory of her husband	100.00		100.00				
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church, quota paid in full	82.49		82.49				
Beresford, So. Dak., St. Paul Luth. Church	45.12		20.00		10.00		
Harlan, Ia., in memory of Mrs. Anna K. Hansen from Messrs. and Mmes. Ver- non Arnvig, Nickeles White, Eugene Petersen and Earl Noon, Mr. Alfred Petersen and Mrs. John White	6.00				6.00		
Standard, Canada, Naz. Luth. Church, quota paid in full	642.20		214.00		214.00		
Winnipeg, Canada, St. Ansgar Luth. Church	53.60		26.00				
Humboldt, Iowa, Trinity Luth. Church in memory of Peter A. Sorensen of Humboldt from friends and relatives	85.00				85.00		
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Congregation from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jorgensen	95.00		25.00	15.00	25.00	15.00	
Laurens, N. Y., St. Matthew Luth. Church from their Easter offering	38.40				38.40		
Portland, Me., The Atlantic Dist. of the U.E.L.C.	600.00				600.00		
Sidney, Mont., Brorson Luth. Church	16.00				16.00		
From C. W. Rasmussen in memory of Mrs. Christina Hansen	3.00					3.00	
Westby, Mont., Emmaus Luth. Church, quota paid in full	181.00		60.00		60.00		
Racine, Wis., Our Sav. Luth. Church, quota paid in full	897.00		897.00				
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church from the guests of the Good Shepherd Home, Easter offering	12.84				12.84		
Roxbury, Mass., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	70.07		50.00				
In memory of Anton Clausen from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rasmussen \$5, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hansen 3. In memory of Christine Rasmussen from Mrs. Otto Hansen \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hansen, \$3. In mem- ory of F. W. Fisher from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hansen \$5	21.00				21.00		
Ebenezer in memory of F. W. Fisher from Esther Sorensen \$5							
Venice, Florida, Bequest from the estate of Hans Jorgen Martin Madsen, (Decd.) for the Elim Children's Home, Elk Horn, Ia., \$3,632.82	50.00		50.00				
Dubuque, Iowa, from Edith and Theodor Jensen	25.85						
Oaks, Okla., Ebenezer Church, quota paid in full	51.00	51.00					
Portland, Me., Emmaus Luth. S. S., Easter offering							
In loving memory of their Great-Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Fabricius from their 22 great-grandchildren	22.00	22.00					
Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul Luth. Church	500.00		300.00		200.00		
Harvard, Ill., From Fred M. Pedersen, Route 1	7.00						
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church	165.00		55.00		55.00		
Sidney, Mont., Brorson Church from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dynneson	50.00						
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church S. S.	41.00				41.00		
Luverne, No. Dak., Luverne Luth. Church	300.00		100.00		100.00		
Flaxton, No. Dak., United Luth. Church, quota paid in full	643.67		214.00		214.00		
Norma, No. Dak., Zion Luth. Church	276.80	10.00	107.00	39.60	55.00	8.00	
Easter Offering	28.50		28.50				
From John Kallberg Family	10.00				10.00		
From Luth. Aid in memory of Mrs. Kallberg	5.00						
Hampton, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	185.00		100.00		42.00		
Aurora, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church, quota paid in full	303.98		101.00		101.00		
Cushing, Wis., First Ev. Luth. Church, Loyal Workers	40.00		20.00		10.00		
Jacksonville, Iowa, Bethlehem Luth. Church	500.00		133.00		133.00		
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Miss Louise Christensen as a Mothers Day Memorial gift for her mother Mrs. John Petersen	10.00				10.00		
Whittier, Calif., St. Andrew Luth. Church	43.49		43.49				
Hutchinson, Minn., Main St. Luth. Church, quota paid in full	3678.38		1226.12		1226.12		
Selma, Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	175.00		50.00		50.00		
Cushing, Wis., First Luth. Church	55.23		25.00				
McNabb, Ill., Emmaus Luth. Church, quota paid in full	257.75		85.00		85.00		
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church from the Senior Ladies Aid in mem- ory of Mrs. Mads Madsen	5.00				5.00		
Westby, Mont., Danville Church from the S. S., quota paid in full	177.54		80.00		76.50	10.00	
Kenmare, No. Dak., Nazareth Luth. Church	1500.00		500.00		500.00		
Flaxton, No. Dak., United Luth. Church from Rev. and Mrs. Anderson in mem- ory of her Grandmother Mrs. Marie Jensen, Schaller, Ia.	10.00		10.00				
Northgate, No. Dak., Community Luth. Church from Mrs. Clair Olney in mem- ory of Master Victor Olney	12.00		4.00		6.00		
Portland, Me., from Miss Helen A. Lund in memory of Mr. Frieden Fisher for the Elevator Fund \$2							
Blair, Nebr., Women's Missionary Society Synodical Treasurer							
Silver Anniv., Minn. Dist.: Northfield, Imm. Luth. Ladies Aid, \$25; Sleepy Eye, Trinity Luth. L. A., \$8.25; Farmington, Farmington Ladies Aid, \$52.25; Albert Lea, Trinity Luth. L. A., \$35; Owatonna, Our Sav. Luth. L. A., \$30; Pass Lake, Ont., Salem Luth. L. A., \$3; and Bone Lake, Wis., St. Paul's L. A., \$1	184.50		92.25		92.25		
From Detroit, Mich., Guild of Northwest Trinity	45.00		22.50		22.50		
From West Canada District	3.00		1.50		1.50		
From Mrs. R'ta Rasmussen, Greenville, Mich., Silver Anniversary	5.00		2.50		2.50		
From Webster Groves, Mo., for Silver Anniv.	13.00		6.50		6.50		
Northern Wis., Circuit Rally, Part of offering	43.65				43.65		
Winnetoon, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church, quota paid in full	135.65		45.21		45.21		
Viborg, So. Dak., Bethany Luth. Church	300.00		100.00		100.00		
Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	1600.00		533.00		533.00		
Rolfe, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church from „Anonymous“	3.00				3.00		
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Luth. Church	763.53		283.00		283.00		
Redvers Congregation, Sask.	300.00		100.00		100.00		
<b>Total received to date</b>	<b>276686.41</b>	<b>19527.67</b>	<b>97390.49</b>	<b>33427.76</b>	<b>66416.10</b>	<b>7836.93</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>1956-57 Budget</b>	<b>339317.00</b>	<b>19404.00</b>	<b>143033.00</b>	<b>32103.00</b>	<b>70662.00</b>	<b>7800.00</b>	<b>663</b>
<b>Percentages (approximate)</b>	<b>100 Pct.</b>	<b>.06</b>	<b>.42</b>	<b>.10</b>	<b>.21</b>	<b>.02</b>	

	Foreign Total (Where Most Received Needed)	1956 Missions Luth.	1956 South Amer.	Japan Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Ch Mission
Previously acknowledged (April 20, 1957)	27299.29	2729.95	5512.85	4038.98	4489.22	2907.02	7084.74
Elk Horn, Iowa, in memory of Mrs. Hans Koch from relatives	13.00					13.00	406.11
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Congregation from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jorgensen	85.00	15.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Blair, Nebr., The Synodical Luther League balance due on Chap- el project in Japan	500.00			500.00			



No. Dak., United Luth. Church	89.40	89.40							
Calif., from the Estate of Sena Carlsen	1000.00	1000.00							
Mass., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	10.00	10.00							
ger. Ia., St. Paul Luth. Church	300.00	300.00							
Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church	62.25	62.25							
a., Ekira Luth. Brotherhood for the Sudan Seminary	100.00								
Marship Fund									
le, Mich., From a member family for the training of a							100.00		
Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	30.00	30.00							
Wis., First Luth. Church, 1957 quota paid in full	208.31	208.31							
abr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:	190.00	190.00							
n West Canada Dist.									
n Golgotha W.M.S., Chicago, for Tadashi Hari	77.63		20.00	20.00	17.63	20.00			
For Barka Murmu	25.00			25.00					
ement L.A. Circle, Chicago, Ill., for a Theological Stu-	14.00				14.00				
udent									
Dist., W.M.S., Salary for Helen Margaret Jacobsen	100.00			100.00					
ity Luth. Ladies Aid, Waupaca, Wis.	70.00								
Savior's Junior Mission Group, Denmark, Wis.	400.00		100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	70.00		
Wis., St. John's Luth. Church	15.00		5.00		5.00	5.00	5.00		
	15.00	15.00							
Total received since Janu. 1, 1957.									
Budget	30603.88	4074.95	6107.81	4173.98	5244.22	3066.65	7389.74	406.11	140.42
ges (approximate)	114018.64		49718.64	16000.00	23300.00	8000.00	17000.00		
	100 Pct.		.44	.14	.20	.07	.15		

PLEASE NOTE: Our Savior's, Oakland, Calif. We are transferring \$200.00 from the regular Synodical Budget to L.W.A. April 27, 1957, Blair, Nebraska.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

**AND NOTES**  
Continued from page 2)  
was hacked to death with long  
and 16 other members of the  
ation killed. The rest of the  
ation fled. And they call this  
ian country? But in spite of  
the Christian Church is growing  
d is blessing the work.  
splay was the material which  
n made for the Sudan Mission  
There were 18 pair of shorts,  
dresses, a few hospital gowns  
umber of stuffed toy animals.  
e disappointed because of the  
tendance but the offering of  
oes to the district quota for  
of the W.M.S.

**SHINGTON ISLAND WIS.**  
itor:  
you for the Christian mes-  
e receive through The Ansgar  
a. It is also nice to hear what  
ongregations are doing else-  
nce we are an isolated group  
an Island.  
n without a pastor since  
I think our Christian life has  
n many ways. We wish to  
our deep gratitude to Pastor  
lsen of Waupaca for going out  
ay to serve our congregation.  
ome to our Island every other  
hout missing a Sunday. The  
rd has granted us a mild  
and he was able to get here on  
Yes, the Lord was willing!  
ate Sunday services under the  
p of Conrad Anderson were  
d by lay people of the con-  
and our attendance has  
oy to see. Mid-week Lenten  
were also well attended. Need-  
y, we will be happy when My-  
en comes in July as our pastor.  
notice the lovely new church-  
built, one thing disturbs me.  
them are adding classrooms  
ay School use and many of  
ge from 8 to 14 classrooms  
hour a week of Christian

training to a child.  
Why are we not emphasizing Chris-  
tian Day schools where children could  
have 35 hours of Christian training and  
fellowship? Since schools are bulging  
at the seams, it would seem that  
parochial schools could relieve the  
overcrowded situations and it should  
be a real challenge to a congregation  
to sponsor a Christian Day School.  
Most Sincerely,  
Martha Stelter

**Correction.** In the April 29th issue,  
page 9, column 1, there are a few  
words left out from a quotation from  
Scripture. Line 11 from the bottom  
of the page should read: I will not  
leave you until I have done that of  
which I have spoken to you.

**CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE  
AND THERE**  
(continued from page 4)  
A spokesman for the denomina-  
tion said membership in the church  
body has increased 5 per cent in  
the past ten years.  
The Church now has 7,916 con-  
gregations in this country, and some  
14,000 ordained and licensed minis-  
ters. Sunday school pupils in the  
U. S. number 824,096.

**A THRIVING HOME MISSION**  
(continued from page 8)  
gram of the church.  
It is a thrill to be in a home mis-  
sion such as this where many with  
little or no church background are  
coming to the blessed experience of  
the fellowship of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, where His grace and the  
forgiveness of sin are freely be-  
stowed, and then to see these people  
become living witnesses of their  
Savior.

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